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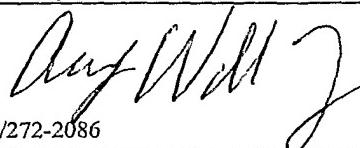
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 1-17 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- the claims:
pages 18-23 as originally filed/furnished
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- the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1-38 | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |
| Inventive Step (IS) | Claims 1-38 | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |
| Industrial Applicability (IA) | Claims 1-38 | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-6 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of managing a power supply for an electronic device, the power supply having a rechargeable battery source and an auxiliary power source, the method comprising, *inter alia*, testing a measuring circuit for offset error, if power from the rechargeable battery source has been temporarily removed, before resuming an implementing step.

Claims 7-11, 26-38 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a power supply for an electronic device comprising, *inter alia*, a testing circuit for testing a measuring circuit for offset error, wherein the testing circuit is enabled during the isolation of the rechargeable battery from the device.

Claims 12-25 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system for operating a rechargeable battery comprising, *inter alia*, determining means for determining a cyclical charge value delivered to the rechargeable battery by said current maintaining means and the voltage maintaining means during a cycle; correction means for correcting said determining means when charge is not being delivered to the rechargeable battery, on the basis of the charge value.

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